

before him. {13:17} Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears. {13:18} Behold now, I have ordered [my] cause; I know that I shall be justified. {13:19} Who [is] he [that] will plead with me? for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost. {13:20} Only do not two [things] unto me: then will I not hide myself from thee. {13:21} Withdraw thine hand far from me: and let not thy dread make me afraid. {13:22} Then call thou, and I will answer: or let me speak, and answer thou me. {13:23} How many [are] mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin. {13:24} Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and holdest me for thine enemy? {13:25} Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro? and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble? {13:26} For thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth. {13:27} Thou putteth my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet. {13:28} And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth eaten.

{14:1} Man [that is] born of a woman [is] of few days, and full of trouble. {14:2} He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. {14:3} And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with thee? {14:4} Who can bring a clean [thing] out of an unclean? not one. {14:5} Seeing his days [are] determined, the number of his months [are] with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass; {14:6} Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day. {14:7} For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. {14:8} Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; {14:9} [Yet] through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant. {14:10} But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where [is] he? {14:11} [As] the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up: {14:12} So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens [be] no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. {14:13} Oh that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! {14:14} If a man die, shall he live [again?] all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. {14:15} Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands. {14:16} For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin? {14:17} My transgression [is] sealed up in a bag, and thou sewest up mine iniquity. {14:18} And surely the mountain falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place. {14:19} The waters wear the stones: thou wastest away the things which grow [out] of the dust of the earth; and thou destroyest the hope of man. {14:20} Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth: thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away. {14:21} His sons come to honour, and he knoweth [it] not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth [it] not of them. {14:22} But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.

{15:1} Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said, {15:2} Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind? {15:3} Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good? {15:4} Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God. {15:5} For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou choosest the tongue of the crafty. {15:6} Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I: yea, thine

own lips testify against thee. {15:7} [Art] thou the first man [that] was born? or wast thou made before the hills? {15:8} Hast thou heard the secret of God? and dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself? {15:9} What knowest thou, that we know not? [what] understandest thou, which [is] not in us? {15:10} With us [are] both the grayheaded and very aged men, much elder than thy father. {15:11} [Are] the consolations of God small with thee? is there any secret thing with thee? {15:12} Why doth thine heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes wink at, {15:13} That thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest [such] words go out of thy mouth? {15:14} What [is] man, that he should be clean? and [he which is] born of a woman, that he should be righteous? {15:15} Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight. {15:16} How much more abominable and filthy [is] man, which drinketh iniquity like water? {15:17} I will shew thee, hear me; and that [which] I have seen I will declare; {15:18} Which wise men have told from their fathers, and have not hid [it: ] {15:19} Unto whom alone the earth was given, and no stranger passed among them. {15:20} The wicked man travaileth with pain all [his] days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor. {15:21} A dreadful sound [is] in his ears: in prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him. {15:22} He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for of the sword. {15:23} He wandereth abroad for bread, [saying,] Where [is it?] he knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand. {15:24} Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle. {15:25} For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty. {15:26} He runneth upon him, [even] on [his] neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers: {15:27} Because he covereth his face with his fatness, and maketh collups of fat on [his] flanks. {15:28} And he dwelleth in desolate cities, [and] in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps. {15:29} He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth. {15:30} He shall not depart out of darkness; the flame shall dry up his branches, and by the breath of his mouth shall he go away. {15:31} Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence. {15:32} It shall be accomplished before his time, and his branch shall not be green. {15:33} He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine, and shall cast off his flower as the olive. {15:34} For the congregation of hypocrites [shall be] desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery. {15:35} They conceive mischief, and bring forth vanity, and their belly prepareth deceit.

{16:1} Then Job answered and said, {16:2} I have heard many such things: miserable comforters [are] ye all. {16:3} Shall vain words have an end? or what emboldeneth thee that thou answerest? {16:4} I also could speak as ye [do:] if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you. {16:5} [But] I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my lips should assuage [your grief. ] {16:6} Though I speak, my grief is not asswaged: and [though] I forbear, what am I eased? {16:7} But now he hath made me weary: thou hast made desolate all my company. {16:8} And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, [which] is a witness [against me:] and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face. {16:9} He teareth [me] in his wrath, who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me. {16:10} They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together

against me. {16:11} God hath delivered me to the ungodly, and turned me over into the hands of the wicked. {16:12} I was at ease, but he hath broken me asunder: he hath also taken [me] by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark. {16:13} His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground. {16:14} He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant. {16:15} I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and defiled my horn in the dust. {16:16} My face is foul with weeping, and my eyelids is the shadow of death; {16:17} Not for [any] injustice in mine hands: also my prayer [is] pure. {16:18} O earth, cover not thou my blood, and let my cry have no place. {16:19} Also now, behold, my witness [is] in heaven, and my record [is] on high. {16:20} My friends scorn me: [but] mine eye poureth out [tears] unto God. {16:21} Oh that one might plead for a man with God, as a man [pleadeth] for his neighbour! {16:22} When a few years are come, then I shall go the way [whence] I shall not return.

{17:1} My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves [are ready] for me. {17:2} [Are there] not mockers with me? and doth not mine eye continue in their provocation? {17:3} Lay down now, put me in a surety with thee; who [is] he [that] will strike hands with me? {17:4} For thou hast hid their heart from understanding: therefore shalt thou not exalt [them. ] {17:5} He that speaketh flattery to [his] friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail. {17:6} He hath made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a tabret. {17:7} Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members [are] as a shadow. {17:8} Upright [men] shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite. {17:9} The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. {17:10} But as for you all, do ye return, and come now: for I cannot find [one] wise [man] among you. {17:11} My days are past, my purposes are broken off, [even] the thoughts of my heart. {17:12} They change the night into day: the light [is] short because of darkness. {17:13} If I wait, the grave [is] mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness. {17:14} I have said to corruption, Thou [art] my father: to the worm, [Thou art] my mother, and my sister. {17:15} And where [is] now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it? {17:16} They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when [our] rest together [is] in the dust.

{18:1} Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, {18:2} How long [will it be ere] ye make an end of words? mark, and afterwards we will speak. {18:3} Wherefore are we counted as beasts, [and] reputed vile in your sight? {18:4} He teareth himself in his anger: shall the earth be forsaken for thee? and shall the rock be removed out of his place? {18:5} Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine. {18:6} The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him. {18:7} The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down. {18:8} For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare. {18:9} The gin shall take [him] by the heel, [and] the robber shall prevail against him. {18:10} The snare [is] laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way. {18:11} Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet. {18:12} His strength shall be hungerbitten, and destruction [shall be] ready at his side. {18:13} It shall devour the strength of his skin: [even] the firstborn of death shall devour his strength. {18:14} His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall

bring him to the king of terrors. {18:15} It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because [it is] none of his: brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation. {18:16} His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off. {18:17} His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street. {18:18} He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world. {18:19} He shall neither have son nor nephew among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings. {18:20} They that come after [him] shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted. {18:21} Surely such [are] the dwellings of the wicked, and this [is] the place [of him that] knoweth not God.

{19:1} Then Job answered and said, {19:2} How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words? {19:3} These ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed [that] ye make yourselves strange to me. {19:4} And be it indeed [that] I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself. {19:5} If indeed ye will magnify [yourselves] against me, and plead against me my reproach: {19:6} Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net. {19:7} Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but [there is] no judgment. {19:8} He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths. {19:9} He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown [from] my head. {19:10} He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he removed like a tree. {19:11} He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counteth me unto him as [one of] his enemies. {19:12} His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle. {19:13} He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintance are verily estranged from me. {19:14} My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me. {19:15} They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight. {19:16} I called my servant, and he gave [me] no answer; I intreated him with my mouth. {19:17} My breath is strange to my wife, though I intreated for the children's [sake] of mine own body. {19:18} Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spake against me. {19:19} All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me. {19:20} My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth. {19:21} Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me. {19:22} Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh? {19:23} Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book! {19:24} That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever! {19:25} For I know [that] my redeemer liveth, and [that] he shall stand at the latter [day] upon the earth: {19:26} And [though] after my skin [worms] destroy this [body,] yet in my flesh shall I see God: {19:27} Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; [though] my reins be consumed within me. {19:28} But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me? {19:29} Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath [bringeth] the punishments of the sword, that ye may know [there is] a judgment.

{20:1} Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said, {20:2} Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and for [this] I make haste. {20:3} I have heard the check of my reproach, and the spirit of my understanding causeth me to answer. {20:4} Knowest thou [not] this of old, since man was placed upon earth, {20:5} That the triumphing of the

wicked [is] short, and the joy of the hypocrite [but] for a moment? {20:6} Though his excellency mount up to the heavens, and his head reach unto the clouds; {20:7} [Yet] he shall perish for ever like his own dung: they which have seen him shall say, Where [is] he? {20:8} He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night. {20:9} The eye also [which] saw him shall [see him] no more; neither shall his place any more behold him. {20:10} His children shall seek to please the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods. {20:11} His bones are full [of the sin] of his youth, which shall lie down with him in the dust. {20:12} Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, [though] he hide it under his tongue; {20:13} [Though] he spare it, and forsake it not; but keep it still within his mouth: {20:14} [Yet] his meat in his bowels is turned, [it is] the gall of asps within him. {20:15} He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again: God shall cast them out of his belly. {20:16} He shall suck the poison of asps: the viper's tongue shall slay him. {20:17} He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter. {20:18} That which he laboured for shall he restore, and shall not swallow [it] down: according to [his] substance [shall] the restitution [be,] and he shall not rejoice [therein. ] {20:19} Because he hath oppressed [and] hath forsaken the poor; [because] he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not; {20:20} Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly, he shall not save of that which he desired. {20:21} There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods. {20:22} In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits: every hand of the wicked shall come upon him. {20:23} [When] he is about to fill his belly, [God] shall cast the fury of his wrath upon him, and shall rain [it] upon him while he is eating. {20:24} He shall flee from the iron weapon, [and] the bow of steel shall strike him through. {20:25} It is drawn, and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering sword cometh out of his gall: terrors [are] upon him. {20:26} All darkness [shall be] hid in his secret places: a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle. {20:27} The heaven shall reveal his iniquity; and the earth shall rise up against him. {20:28} The increase of his house shall depart, [and his goods] shall flow away in the day of his wrath. {20:29} This [is] the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God.

{21:1} But Job answered and said, {21:2} Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations. {21:3} Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on. {21:4} As for me, [is] my complaint to man? and if [it were so,] why should not my spirit be troubled? {21:5} Mark me, and be astonished, and lay [your] hand upon [your] mouth. {21:6} Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh. {21:7} Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power? {21:8} Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes. {21:9} Their houses [are] safe from fear, neither [is] the rod of God upon them. {21:10} Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf. {21:11} They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. {21:12} They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ. {21:13} They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. {21:14} Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. {21:15} What [is] the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him? {21:16} Lo, their good [is] not in their hand: the counsel of the wicked is far from me. {21:17} How oft is the candle of

the wicked put out! and [how oft] cometh their destruction upon them! [God] distributeth sorrows in his anger. {21:18} They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away. {21:19} God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know [it. ] {21:20} His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty. {21:21} For what pleasure [hath] he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst? {21:22} Shall [any] teach God knowledge? seeing he judgeth those that are high. {21:23} One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet. {21:24} His breasts are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow. {21:25} And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure. {21:26} They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them. {21:27} Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices [which] ye wrongfully imagine against me. {21:28} For ye say, Where [is] the house of the prince? and where [are] the dwelling places of the wicked? {21:29} Have ye not asked them that go by the way? and do ye not know their tokens, {21:30} That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath. {21:31} Who shall declare his way to his face? and who shall repay him [what] he hath done? {21:32} Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb. {21:33} The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as [there are] innumerable before him. {21:34} How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth falsehood?

{22:1} Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said, {22:2} Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself? {22:3} [Is it] any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or [is it] gain [to him] that thou makest thy ways perfect? {22:4} Will he reprove thee for fear of thee? will he enter with thee into judgment? {22:5} [Is] not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite? {22:6} For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing. {22:7} Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry. {22:8} But [as for] the mighty man, he had the earth; and the honourable man dwelt in it. {22:9} Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken. {22:10} Therefore snares [are] round about thee, and sudden fear troubleth thee; {22:11} Or darkness, [that] thou canst not see; and abundance of waters cover thee. {22:12} [Is] not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are! {22:13} And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud? {22:14} Thick clouds [are] a covering to him, that he seeth not; and he walketh in the circuit of heaven. {22:15} Hast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden? {22:16} Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood: {22:17} Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them? {22:18} Yet he filled their houses with good [things:] but the counsel of the wicked is far from me. {22:19} The righteous see [it,] and are glad: and the innocent laugh them to scorn. {22:20} Whereas our substance is not cut down, but the remnant of them the fire consumeth. {22:21} Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee. {22:22} Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart. {22:23} If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. {22:24} Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the [gold] of Ophir as the stones of

the brooks. {22:25} Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver. {22:26} For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God. {22:27} Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. {22:28} Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. {22:29} When [men] are cast down, then thou shalt say, [There is] lifting up; and he shall save the humble person. {22:30} He shall deliver the island of the innocent: and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.

{23:1} Then Job answered and said, {23:2} Even to day [is] my complaint bitter: my stroke is heavier than my groaning. {23:3} Oh that I knew where I might find him! [that] I might come [even] to his seat! {23:4} I would order [my] cause before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. {23:5} I would know the words [which] he would answer me, and understand what he would say unto me. {23:6} Will he plead against me with [his] great power? No; but he would put [strength] in me. {23:7} There the righteous might dispute with him; so should I be delivered for ever from my judge. {23:8} Behold, I go forward, but he [is] not [there;] and backward, but I cannot perceive him: {23:9} On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold [him:] he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see [him:] {23:10} But he knoweth the way that I take: [when] he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. {23:11} My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined. {23:12} Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary [food.] {23:13} But he [is] in one [mind,] and who can turn him? and [what] his soul desireth, even [that] he doeth. {23:14} For he performeth [the thing that is] appointed for me: and many such [things are] with him. {23:15} Therefore am I troubled at his presence: when I consider, I am afraid of him. {23:16} For God maketh my heart soft, and the Almighty troubleth me: {23:17} Because I was not cut off before the darkness, [neither] hath he covered the darkness from my face.

{24:1} Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty, do they that know him not see his days? {24:2} [Some] remove the landmarks; they violently take away flocks, and feed [thereof.] {24:3} They drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take the widow's ox for a pledge. {24:4} They turn the needy out of the way: the poor of the earth hide themselves together. {24:5} Behold, [as] wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work; rising betimes for a prey: the wilderness [yieldeth] food for them [and] for [their] children. {24:6} They reap [every one] his corn in the field: and they gather the vintage of the wicked. {24:7} They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that [they have] no covering in the cold. {24:8} They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter. {24:9} They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge of the poor. {24:10} They cause [him] to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf [from] the hungry; {24:11} [Which] make oil within their walls, [and] tread [their] winepresses, and suffer thirst. {24:12} Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out: yet God layeth not folly [to them.] {24:13} They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof. {24:14} The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief. {24:15} The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, No eye shall see me: and disguiseth [his] face. {24:16} In the dark they dig through houses, [which] they had marked

for themselves in the daytime: they know not the light. {24:17} For the morning [is] to them even as the shadow of death: if [one] know [them, they are in] the terrors of the shadow of death. {24:18} He [is] swift as the waters; their portion is cursed in the earth: he beholdeth not the way of the vineyards. {24:19} Drought and heat consume the snow waters: [so doth] the grave [those which] have sinned. {24:20} The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered; and wickedness shall be broken as a tree. {24:21} He evil entreateth the barren that [beareth] not: and doeth not good to the widow. {24:22} He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no [man] is sure of life. {24:23} [Though] it be given him [to be] in safety, whereon he resteth; yet his eyes [are] upon their ways. {24:24} They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all [other,] and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn. {24:25} And if [it be] not [so] now, who will make me a liar, and make my speech nothing worth?

{25:1} Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said, {25:2} Dominion and fear [are] with him, he maketh peace in his high places. {25:3} Is there any number of his armies? and upon whom doth not his light arise? {25:4} How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean [that is] born of a woman? {25:5} Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight. {25:6} How much less man, [that is] a worm? and the son of man, [which is] a worm?

{26:1} But Job answered and said, {26:2} How hast thou helped [him that is] without power? [how] savest thou the arm [that hath] no strength? {26:3} How hast thou counseled [him that hath] no wisdom? and [how] hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is? {26:4} To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee? {26:5} Dead [things] are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof. {26:6} Hell [is] naked before him, and destruction hath no covering. {26:7} He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, [and] hangeth the earth upon nothing. {26:8} He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them. {26:9} He holdeth back the face of his throne, [and] spreadeth his cloud upon it. {26:10} He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end. {26:11} The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his reproof. {26:12} He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud. {26:13} By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent. {26:14} Lo, these [are] parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

{27:1} Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, {27:2} [As] God liveth, [who] hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, [who] hath vexed my soul; {27:3} All the while my breath [is] in me, and the spirit of God [is] in my nostrils; {27:4} My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit. {27:5} God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. {27:6} My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach [me] so long as I live. {27:7} Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous. {27:8} For what [is] the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul? {27:9} Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him? {27:10} Will he delight himself in the Almighty? will he always call upon God?

{27:11} I will teach you by the hand of God: [that] which [is] with the Almighty will I not conceal. {27:12} Behold, all ye yourselves have seen [it;] why then are ye thus altogether vain? {27:13} This [is] the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, [which] they shall receive of the Almighty. {27:14} If his children be multiplied, [it is] for the sword: and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread. {27:15} Those that remain of him shall be buried in death: and his widows shall not weep. {27:16} Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay; {27:17} He may prepare [it,] but the just shall put [it] on, and the innocent shall divide the silver. {27:18} He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth [that] the keeper maketh. {27:19} The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he [is] not. {27:20} Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night. {27:21} The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place. {27:22} For [God] shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand. {27:23} [Men] shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

{28:1} Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold [where] they fine [it. ] {28:2} Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass [is] molten [out of] the stone. {28:3} He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death. {28:4} The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; [even the waters] forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men. {28:5} [As for] the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire. {28:6} The stones of it [are] the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold. {28:7} [There is] a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen: {28:8} The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it. {28:9} He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots. {28:10} He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing. {28:11} He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and [the thing that is] hid bringeth he forth to light. {28:12} But where shall wisdom be found? and where [is] the place of understanding? {28:13} Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living. {28:14} The depth saith, It [is] not in me: and the sea saith, [It is] not with me. {28:15} It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed [for] the price thereof. {28:16} It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. {28:17} The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it [shall not be for] jewels of fine gold. {28:18} No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom [is] above rubies. {28:19} The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold. {28:20} Whence then cometh wisdom? and where [is] the place of understanding? {28:21} Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air. {28:22} Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears. {28:23} God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof. {28:24} For he looketh to the ends of the earth, [and] seeth under the whole heaven; {28:25} To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure. {28:26} When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder: {28:27} Then did he see it, and declare it; he prepared it, yea, and searched it out. {28:28} And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that [is] wisdom; and to depart from evil [is] understanding.

{29:1} Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, {29:2} Oh that I were as [in] months past, as [in] the days [when] God preserved me; {29:3} When his candle shined upon my head, [and when] by his light I walked [through] darkness; {29:4} As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God [was] upon my tabernacle; {29:5} When the Almighty [was] yet with me, [when] my children [were] about me; {29:6} When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil; {29:7} When I went out to the gate through the city, [when] I prepared my seat in the street! {29:8} The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, [and] stood up. {29:9} The princes refrained talking, and laid [their] hand on their mouth. {29:10} The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth. {29:11} When the ear heard [me,] then it blessed me; and when the eye saw [me,] it gave witness to me: {29:12} Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and [him that had] none to help him. {29:13} The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. {29:14} I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment [was] as a robe and a diadem. {29:15} I was eyes to the blind, and feet [was] I to the lame. {29:16} I [was] a father to the poor: and the cause [which] I knew not I searched out. {29:17} And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth. {29:18} Then I said, I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply [my] days as the sand. {29:19} My root [was] spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch. {29:20} My glory [was] fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand. {29:21} Unto me [men] gave ear, and waited, and kept silence at my counsel. {29:22} After my words they spake not again; and my speech dropped upon them. {29:23} And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide [as] for the latter rain. {29:24} [If] I laughed on them, they believed [it] not; and the light of my countenance they cast not down. {29:25} I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one [that] comforteth the mourners.

{30:1} But now [they that are] younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock. {30:2} Yea, whereto [might] the strength of their hands [profit] me, in whom old age was perished? {30:3} For want and famine [they were] solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste. {30:4} Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots [for] their meat. {30:5} They were driven forth from among [men,] (they cried after them as [after] a thief;) {30:6} To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, [in] caves of the earth, and [in] the rocks. {30:7} Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together. {30:8} [They were] children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth. {30:9} And now am I their song, yea, I am their byword. {30:10} They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face. {30:11} Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me. {30:12} Upon [my] right [hand] rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction. {30:13} They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper. {30:14} They came [upon me] as a wide breaking in [of waters:] in the desolation they rolled themselves [upon me. ] {30:15} Terrors are turned upon me: they pursue my soul as the wind: and my welfare passeth away as a cloud. {30:16} And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me. {30:17} My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest. {30:18} By the great force [of

my disease] is my garment changed: it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat. {30:19} He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes. {30:20} I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me [not. ] {30:21} Thou art become cruel to me: with thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me. {30:22} Thou liftest me up to the wind; thou causest me to ride [upon it,] and dissolvest my substance. {30:23} For I know [that] thou wilt bring me [to] death, and [to] the house appointed for all living. {30:24} Howbeit he will not stretch out [his] hand to the grave, though they cry in his destruction. {30:25} Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? was [not] my soul grieved for the poor? {30:26} When I looked for good, then evil came [unto me:] and when I waited for light, there came darkness. {30:27} My bowels boiled, and rested not: the days of affliction prevented me. {30:28} I went mourning without the sun: I stood up, [and] I cried in the congregation. {30:29} I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls. {30:30} My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat. {30:31} My harp also is [turned] to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

{31:1} I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid? {31:2} For what portion of God [is there] from above? and [what] inheritance of the Almighty from on high? {31:3} [Is] not destruction to the wicked? and a strange [punishment] to the workers of iniquity? {31:4} Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps? {31:5} If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hasted to deceit; {31:6} Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity. {31:7} If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands; {31:8} [Then] let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out. {31:9} If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or [if] I have laid wait at my neighbour's door; {31:10} [Then] let my wife grind unto another, and let others bow down upon her. {31:11} For this [is] an heinous crime; yea, it [is] an iniquity [to be punished by] the judges. {31:12} For it [is] a fire [that] consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase. {31:13} If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me; {31:14} What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him? {31:15} Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb? {31:16} If I have withheld the poor from [their] desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail; {31:17} Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof; {31:18} (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as [with] a father, and I have guided her from my mother's womb;) {31:19} If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering; {31:20} If his loins have not blessed me, and [if] he were [not] warmed with the fleece of my sheep; {31:21} If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless, when I saw my help in the gate: {31:22} [Then] let mine arm fall from my shoulder blade, and mine arm be broken from the bone. {31:23} For destruction [from] God [was] a terror to me, and by reason of his highness I could not endure. {31:24} If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, [Thou art] my confidence; {31:25} If I rejoiced because my wealth [was] great, and because mine hand had gotten much; {31:26} If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking [in] brightness; {31:27} And my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand: {31:28} This also [were] an iniquity [to be punished by] the judge: for I should have denied the God

[that is] above. {31:29} If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him: {31:30} Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul. {31:31} If the men of my tabernacle said not, Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied. {31:32} The stranger did not lodge in the street: [but] I opened my doors to the traveller. {31:33} If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom: {31:34} Did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence, [and] went not out of the door? {31:35} Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire [is, that] the Almighty would answer me, and [that] mine adversary had written a book. {31:36} Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, [and] bind it [as] a crown to me. {31:37} I would declare unto him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto him. {31:38} If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain; {31:39} If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life: {31:40} Let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley. The words of Job are ended.

{32:1} So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he [was] righteous in his own eyes. {32:2} Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God. {32:3} Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job. {32:4} Now Elihu had waited till Job had spoken, because they were elder than he. {32:5} When Elihu saw that [there was] no answer in the mouth of [these] three men, then his wrath was kindled. {32:6} And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said, I [am] young, and ye [are] very old; wherefore I was afraid, and durst not shew you mine opinion. {32:7} I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. {32:8} But [there is] a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. {32:9} Great men are not [always] wise: neither do the aged understand judgment. {32:10} Therefore I said, Hearken to me; I also will shew mine opinion. {32:11} Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say. {32:12} Yea, I attended unto you, and, behold, [there was] none of you that convinced Job, or that answered his words: {32:13} Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom: God thrusteth him down, not man. {32:14} Now he hath not directed [his] words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches. {32:15} They were amazed, they answered no more: they left off speaking. {32:16} When I had waited, (for they spake not, but stood still, [and] answered no more;) {32:17} [I said,] I will answer also my part, I also will shew mine opinion. {32:18} For I am full of matter, the spirit within me constraineth me. {32:19} Behold, my belly [is] as wine [which] hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles. {32:20} I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer. {32:21} Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man. {32:22} For I know not to give flattering titles; [in so doing] my maker would soon take me away.

{33:1} Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches, and hearken to all my words. {33:2} Behold, now I have opened my mouth, my tongue hath spoken in my mouth. {33:3} My words [shall be of] the uprightness of my heart: and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly. {33:4} The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. {33:5} If thou canst answer me, set [thy words] in order